

Subpart H—Adjuncts to Medical Care

§ 728.91 General.

Adjuncts to medical care include but are not limited to prosthetic devices such as artificial limbs, artificial eyes, hearing aids, orthopedic footwear, spectacles, wheel chairs, hospital beds, and similar medical support items or aids which are required for the proper care and management of the condition being treated. Generally, expenses incurred for procurement of such items, either from civilian sources as supplemental care or from stocks maintained by the facility, are payable from operation and maintenance funds available for support of naval MTFs. However, certain adjuncts may be cost-shared under CHAMPUS for CHAMPUS-eligible individuals under circumstances enumerated in the cooperative care or services criteria of § 728.4(z).

§ 728.92 Policy.

(a) Provide adjuncts to medical care to eligible beneficiaries receiving inpatient or outpatient care when, in the opinion of the attending physician, such adjuncts will offer substantial assistance in overcoming the handicap or condition and thereby contribute to the well-being of the beneficiary.

(b) Unless necessary for humanitarian reasons, do not furnish orthopedic and prosthetic appliances on an elective basis to members of the naval service with short periods of service remaining when the defect requiring the appliance existed prior to entry into

service and when such members will be separated from the service because of these defects.

(c) For active duty members, make the initial allowance of orthopedic footwear and orthopedic alterations to standard footwear the same quantity as provided in the initial clothing allowance.

(d) Base the number of orthopedic and prosthetic appliances issued or replaced for other authorized recipients upon the individual's requirements as determined by the attending physician to be consistent with the highest standards of modern medicine.

(e) Former members of the uniformed service should be advised that they may obtain durable medical equipment, medical care, and adjuncts from Veterans Administration facilities.

(f) Dependents are authorized certain adjuncts per §§ 728.31 (c) and (d) and in instances where items are not normally authorized at the expense of the Government, they may be provided at cost to the United States if available from Government stocks under the following conditions:

(1) Outside the United States.

(2) At specific stations within the United States which have been authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to sell these items.

§ 728.93 Chart of adjuncts.

The following chart and footnotes provide information relative to adjuncts which may be furnished the several categories of beneficiaries eligible for medical care at naval MTFs.

Adjuncts	Active duty and retired members	Others authorized the same benefits as active duty or retired members ⁽²⁾	Dependents authorized the same benefits	Other beneficiaries ⁽²⁾
Ambulance service	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁽¹⁾	No
Artificial eyes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe ⁽³⁾
Artificial limbs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe ⁽³⁾
Contact or special lenses ⁽¹¹⁾	Yes ⁽⁴⁾	Yes ⁽⁴⁾	Maybe ⁽²⁾ (4) ⁽⁶⁾	No
Crutches ⁽⁷⁾	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dental prostheses	Yes	Yes	Maybe ⁽⁹⁾	Maybe ⁽⁹⁾
Elastic stockings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hearing aids ⁽¹⁰⁾	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	Maybe ⁽²⁾	Maybe ⁽³⁾
Hearing aid parts and batteries ..	Yes ⁽¹⁰⁾	Yes ⁽¹⁰⁾	Maybe ⁽²⁾ ⁽¹⁰⁾	No
Hospital beds ⁽⁷⁾	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joint braces	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Orthopedic footwear	Yes	Yes	Maybe ⁽²⁾	Maybe ⁽³⁾
Prosthetic devices, other ⁽⁷⁾	Yes	Yes	Maybe ⁽²⁾	No
Respirators and inhalators ⁽⁷⁾	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁽¹⁾
Resuscitators ⁽⁷⁾	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁽¹⁾
Spectacles	Yes	Yes	Maybe ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	No
Walking irons ⁽⁷⁾	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes